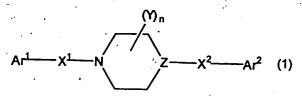


## Abstract

The invention is directed to compounds of the formula



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof
wherein Ar<sup>1</sup> is indole, benzimidazole, or benzotriazole, optionally substituted with lower
alkyl (1-4C), halo, or lower alkoxy (1-4C);

X1 is CO or an isostere thereof;

Y is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted

10 arylalkyl;

n is 0 or 1;

Z is CH or N;

X2 is CH, CH2 or an isostere thereof; and

Ar<sup>2</sup> consists of one or two phenyl moieties directly coupled to X<sup>2</sup> and optionally

substituted by halo, nitro, alkyl (1-6C), CN or CF<sub>3</sub>, or by RCO, COOR, CONR<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>2</sub>, OR or SR, wherein R is H or alkyl (1-6C) or by phenyl, itself optionally substituted by the foregoing substituents;

with the proviso that if Z is N,  $X^1$  is CO, and  $Ar^1$  is indole,  $Ar^1$  must be coupled to  $X^1$  through the 2-, 5-, 6- or 7-position.

These compounds are useful in the treatment of conditions associated with inflammation. In addition, the above compounds and other compounds described herein are useful in treating conditions associated with cardiac failure.